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## AUNT MANNAH'S SECRET.

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

Quickly turning from the desk, Robert placed a hand on the shoulder of Uncle Duke, who knelt moaning at his mistress's side.

"Uncle Duke," he said, "you know where Detective Sellars lives on Prince street. Surely you do not believe me guilty of your master's murder. Can you take Mr. Sellars this note? The assassin of your master must be brought to justice. Are you strong enough?"

"Yes, yes, Miss Robert! God bless you, I can't live long, but I can't let the murderer of my master stand on the gallows, and Mars Lang is the man to bring him there."

The old man arose to his feet and hastened out the rear door of the hall as the front door opened.

Hurried footsteps were heard, and Herman Craven, hunched and in his shirt sleeves, as when he had left the house, rushed into the library, followed by Silas Cobb, the sheriff of the county, and two of his deputies, Lanning and Spears.

Dr. Norcum and Coroner Field followed them, and behind came several of the neighbors, who had been aroused.

"He has not fled!" cried Herman. "There, sheriff, there stands the murderer of my uncle, caught red-handed in the act!"

A heart-rending moan burst from the breast of the banker's daughter. "There is some mystery here," she cried. "Though Robert was standing over my father's lifeless form with the bloody weapon in his hand that bore off his life, when my cousin and I entered this room, yet do I feel assured that he is not guilty of my father's murder. Oh, God! My own dear father murdered! It seems incredible, yet there he lies, and poor Hattie burst into a fresh paroxysm of grief."

Mrs. Merwin and Miss Steel, neighbors, accompanied by two other ladies, here entered the room, and the weeping girl was borne from the library.

Dr. Norcum had advanced and was examining the body of the murdered man.

"Spears, let no man leave the house," said the sheriff. "I declare," he added, "this affair is terrible, and to think that you, Robert Campbell, should be charged with the murder."

"The charge of Herman Craven is utterly false, and he knows it to be so," said Robert. "Surely, you, Sheriff Cobb, who have known me all my life, can scarce believe me guilty of the murder of the father of the young lady who will become my wife."

"Your wife!" exclaimed Herman. "The wife of her father's murderer? Never! And believe me, neither had my uncle lived, would his daughter have become your wife—that is, with his consent, but—"

Here the tall form of Lang Sellars, the great Southern detective, stood in the doorway.

Like a flash his keen eye took in, not only every person, but every object that the room contained, and his deep voice broke upon the stillness that pervaded it.

"Not since the murder at Mulberry," he observed, "has there been as atrocious a crime committed in the old North State; nor did I believe that a scoundrel, with the malignity of Ward Lennox, yet cursed the commonwealth with his presence. I was clearly mistaken."

"Great work was that of yours on that case, Mr. Sellars," said the doctor. "God! You rescued Herbert Russell, even from the gallows trap; and even then Ward cheated the gallows."

"To dash his brains out at the abutment of Hilton bridge," said Sellars, "and sink beneath the turbid waters of the Cape Fear. But this is a harder deed. A man's knife—the blade thrust home to the victim's heart. Have you taken any steps here, Sheriff Cobb?"

"I was aroused and summoned here by the murdered man's nephew, who denounced Robert Campbell as the murderer. He assures me that he caught him red-handed in the act, but may I ask what brings you here, Lang Sellars?"

"If Robert Campbell is the murderer of our old friend here, then I am summoned by his murderer. In the Mulberry case, it was the murderer of Dr. Taylor who engaged my services to ferret out the criminal, and in the end I brought the crime home to his own door."

"I think there can be no doubt as to his guilt," said Herman. "It could have been no other than Robert Campbell, and here Herman, interrupted by Robert, made a statement of the facts, as already related, in so far as his entrance into the room was concerned, and as to what met his horrified gaze as he crossed the threshold."

"You state that you entered the house at ten o'clock," said the detective; "that you found your uncle in this room, and left him seated at his desk when you retired?"

"Exactly, Mr. Sellars."

"Were those windows, opening on the lawn on the east side of the house, raised at that time, as they are now?"

"They were, Mr. Sellars, to admit the air."

"One moment, gentlemen," said Lang, as he stepped to the door. "Callan!"

The black face of a powerfully built, but deformed and curiously constructed negro appeared.

"Look for footprints under the windows on the east side of the house," said Sellars. "You have your dark lantern?"

"Yes, Mars Lang," and the negro was gone.

"Follow the nigger and see what you can learn, Lanning," said the sheriff. "I can't understand, Lang Sellars," he continued, "why you always bring that deformed nigger into your cases."

"I can," said Sellars, quietly. "For following a trail, be it either of man or beast, his equal cannot be found in all the Sunny South. Well, Herman, you state that you retired at ten o'clock?"

"You believed his life was being assailed?"

"Far from it. I supposed one of his acute attacks of rheumatism had seized him."

"You were retired you left no one below with your uncle?"

"No one, I think the servants, even, had retired."

"Your uncle was expecting no one?"

"Certainly not. He stated that he should soon retire."

"Herman Craven," said Robert, looking him full in the eyes, "did not your uncle inform you that he was expecting me here after ten o'clock, and that I would bring with me money with which to take up a note of ten thousand dollars?"

"He did not," said Herman.

"He informed me that he did, when he admitted me to the house. Did you not hear my summons at the door?"

"Your summons? You made no summons."

"Did you not hear the door bell not five minutes before you descended the stairs?"

"The door bell has not been sounded to-night."

"Mars Lang, I—I—"

The voice was Hannah's, but she halted as suddenly as she had commenced, and stood, an aghast pallor on her countenance, quaking as with fear.

"All eyes were at once fixed on the trembling negro."

But one person in the room had caught the quick meaning glance that Herman Craven had cast in her direction, and noted that that glance had sealed the lips of the negro."

"What were you about to say, Hannah?"

"Nothing, Mars Lang, nothing," and Hannah went weeping from the room.

Robert Campbell now told of his call at the bank that afternoon, and related the subsequent events, as he had to Hattie.

"Twenty thousand five hundred dollars is a considerable sum," said Lang, "and this money—this bag of coin?"

"There is no evidence that he had a bag of coin in his possession," said the sheriff.

"Certainly not," said Lang; "but it is evident that this note was this day paid. If you are familiar with Alvin DeRosette's signature, you will recognize it, here. You can establish the fact that you left the express office a few minutes before you entered this house, as you state, Robert?"

"Certainly," said Robert. "Mr. DeRosette, then, to-night had consented to the marriage of his daughter and yourself?"

"Yes, Mr. Sellars, and expressed much satisfaction at the prospect of our union."

"I know that statement to be false," cried Herman, "for this very day at the bank my uncle said to me: 'Herman, I am getting to be an old man. My fondest wish is that I may live to see you and my loved daughter united. You may judge, gentlemen, if a few hours later he would have consented to his daughter's marriage with the wretch who has hurried her.'"

"Liar! Craven by name and nature, you know you lie!" cried Robert, and for the strong arm of Sellars he would have felled him to the floor.

"Perhaps," said Herman, shrinking back, "you will deny that Hattie fainted after we had entered this room, and I had denounced you as the murderer of my uncle. You would have slain me also, had I not hastened from the house with the cry of murder."

"You yourself best know the falsity of your charge," replied Robert. "It only prays that the perpetrator of this bloody deed may be brought to answer for his crime on the gallows, and I have an abiding faith in Mr. Sellars' ability to solve this mysterious murder."

"And I," said the doctor.

"This bag of coin you state that you placed on the desk, before Mr. DeRosette, when I left him to attend the door, Mr. Sellars?"

"Well?"

"When I returned to the room I found the banker gasping his last and the bag of coin gone."

"What evidence have you," asked the sheriff, "that you had a bag of coin?"

"Yes, yes," exclaimed Herman. "What evidence have you of that fact?"

"None," said Robert, "save my word and this cancelled note. As I have stated, there is evidence that I left the express office with a bag of coin."

By directions of the coroner, the body of the banker was borne to his chamber and laid on the bed.

"The inquest will be held at ten o'clock to-morrow," he said.

"Until which time I shall hold Robert Campbell in custody," said the sheriff.

"I approve of your course," observed the detective. "Circumstances would indicate that he is the murderer."

"You, Mr. Sellars? You believe me guilty?" exclaimed Robert, for the first time alarmed.

"I know a murder has been committed," said Sellars. "If your statement is true, a robbery also. You are in the custody of the sheriff."

"At least I can give bond for my appearance to-morrow," said Robert.

"There is no bond admissible in this case, young man," observed the sheriff. "Come, you must accompany me. You must forego your trip to Baltimore."

"I had abandoned the idea of making it," said Robert. "You can scarce believe me so heartless as to leave my affianced's side in her affliction."

"You will be at no great distance from Miss DeRosette while you are in my custody," the sheriff said, as he linked arms with his prisoner.

Robert cast one glance at the detective; but in his stern face he read no hope, and moaning: "My love! my Hattie! My poor old mother and my sister," with bowed head he accompanied the sheriff from the room.

Sellars followed them, and at the outer door the two deputies joined the party, while the dark figure of Callan, who was

sitting on the lower step of the piazza arose.

"Any footprints on the grass under those windows, Callan?" asked Sellars.

"None, Mars Lang, none. Leastwise, none that I can see."

"You found none, Lanning?"

"I was not quite sure, sheriff. You see, there has been no rain recently, and it was hard to determine. I thought I would examine at daylight."

"It is useless," said Sellars; "there are none there."

"Robert! Robert!" The cry came from the white lips of Hattie, who had descended the stairs.

"Yes, darling; be brave, and have faith in the one who loves you, for until the inquest shall have been held, I am a prisoner in the hands of the sheriff. I am deemed the murderer of your dear father."

"It is false!" moaned Hattie, as she twined her arms about his neck.

"God bless you, dear Hattie. Mr. Sellars—"

The detective took her half-unconscious from his arms, and with the words: "Do not wait for me, Sheriff Cobb; there are other links to this chain. We are committed; but that a murder has been committed; presumably you have the criminal in custody. Callan, remain where you are. Ring the door bell if any one save Dr. Norcum and those who entered the house since you have been here pass out," conveyed her into the house and closed the door.

As he turned from it with his senseless burden the agitated form of Hannah, the negro, confronted him.

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"Not a word, Hannah, not a word," said Sellars, quickly, "not to a living soul. Do not leave the house. Never be alone. I know your secret. Silence, and wait!"

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Marquis Ito arrived at Washington.

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Rain storms did much damage to property at Skagway.

Famine conditions are proclaimed in five more Russian districts.

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There is a possibility that the threatened miners' strike in France may be averted.

Admiral Bowles recommends that the Havana drydock be sent to the Philippines.

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Chester Anderson crashed to death on Morrison street bridge, Portland.

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Organizations auxiliary to the McKinley memorial association are being formed throughout the country.

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According to M. Adhemar Leclere, French resident in Kratie, Cambodia, the Phongs, a wild people of that country, have the type of the North American Indians. They believe in a God whom they call Brah, and in another life and in ghosts. They eat almost every kind of flesh, and make an intoxicating drink from rice. They smoke a wild tobacco in iron pipes. Their sense of smell is so keen that they profess to know individual animals by it. They have neither music nor dance.

### EVENTS OF THE DAY

#### FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

**A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.**

Kitchener calls for more troops.

Texas man and his son killed in a street duel at Waco.

Yale University holds a bi-centennial celebration.

Burglars secure \$75,000 in stamps from Chicago postoffice vault.

Great Northern annual reports shows a falling off in net income.

A Turk in San Francisco instantly killed a girl and then shot himself.

Sir Thomas Lipton will enter no yacht for the America's cup next fall.

Germans discussed the "American danger" in connection with the new tariff.

Systematic embezzlement of government supplies discovered at Fort Kooch, Minn.

Joe Levy and two Frenchwomen arrested at Baker City for implication in murder at Boise.

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### KITCHENER WANTS MEN.

Call is for Trained Mounted Soldiers—Rumors of Dewet's Death Discredited.

London, Oct. 23.—The Daily Express learns that Lord Kitchener has wired an urgent demand to the war office for more trained mounted men.

British Accused of Brutality.

New York, Oct. 23.—A London Times special to the New York Times says:

Referring to the fresh outbreak of Anglophobia in Vienna, a correspondent of the Austrian Capital quotes the especially influential Catholic organ, the Vaterland, which publishes an article headed: "Lord Kitchener as a Hangman." It says the commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, in despair of being able to conquer the Boers by honest war, has for a long time had recourse to brutality. His bloodthirstiness was formerly restrained by the British government, but it now appears that a free hand has been given to him.

The Vaterland goes on to say that the announcement that Commandant-General Botha will meet violence by reprisals will convince all that the Boers are not intimidated, but only exasperated by Lord Kitchener's inhumanity. The sanguinary seed sown by the British Commander will produce a harvest of blood and none can blame the Boer leaders if they have recourse to a terrible retribution.

Marital Law Regulations.

Cape Town, Oct. 23.—The regulations of marital law, which have just been published, provide that the ordinary law shall hold good as far as possible with necessary restrictions regarding the movement of persons dealing in contraband, the possession of firearms and explosives, etc. Letters and telegrams are subject to censorship. The regulations are administered by the civil authorities.

Discredit Rumors of Dewet's Death.

The Hague, Oct. 23.—The former residents of the Transvaal who are now in this city entirely discredit the rumors of the death of General Dewet, emanating from Durban, Natal.

SUICIDE OF A BERGEANT.

Grieved Over His Approaching Separation From Army Life.

Salt Lake, Oct. 23.—Grief over separation from army life, with which he had been associated for 40 years, and to which he was greatly attached, is believed to have been the direct cause of the suicide at Fort Douglas of August Lange, ordnance sergeant. Lange was to have been retired within a few days, and rather than re-enter civil life he hanged himself in one of the buildings of the fort. Lange, who was 61 years of age, enlisted at the outbreak of the civil war, participating in many of its historic battles, and was wounded during the battle of Spotsylvania. In later years he took part in numerous campaigns against Western Indians, and for the past 15 years has been ordnance sergeant at Fort Douglas. He left a widow and two grown daughters, who reside in this city.

GREAT DISCOVERY.

One Arc Lamp With Microphone Attachment Will Transmit Sounds Through Another.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 23.—A member of the faculty of Moscow Imperial Technical school recently discovered that a microphone attached to an electric lamp by wire will transmit sounds through the medium of another arc lamp. Repeated experiments were made in which the two lamps were separated by a thick wall. The inventor read in a low voice a lecture on his discovery, and his words, spoken into the microphone, were comfortably audible in the next room. With characteristic carelessness, the Russian newspapers failed to taste whether the lamps were burning, but it is probable that this is to be assumed.

Australia May Build Challenge Boat.

New York, Oct. 23.—R. A. Watson, formerly of Canada and now of Sydney, N.S.W., at an informal reception given him by the Nonpareil Rowing club, said that the recent races between the Columbia and Shamrock II, were the greatest that had ever taken place in any waters. He added that on his return to Australia he would try to form a wealthy syndicate to build a boat and challenge for the cup from Australia.

Delighted With New Ameer.

New York, Oct. 23.—The Simla correspondent of the New York Times says the envoy from Kabul at that city reports all quiet in Afghanistan. The envoy adds that the people are delighted with the new Ameer, and declares that the accession of Habib Ullah was like a feat after a fast, which graphically describes the situation, the Afghans having apparently accepted Habib Ullah with a sense of relief after Ameer Alder Rahmans inflexible rule.

Brave Revolutionists.

New York, Oct. 23.—A Panama correspondent of the Herald says: A party of revolutionists, said to be led by General Lugo, appeared on the heights in sight of La Boca, which is a few miles from Panama. The party waved a red flag and then disappeared. Government troops were sent after the party, but the latter could not be found. The government soldiers are now stationed in La Boca.

### NEWS OF THE STATE

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

The new Catholic church at Woodburn was dedicated.

Oregon supreme court hands down three important decisions.

A Chinaman was brutally beaten and robbed of \$70 at Meacham.

Oregon railroads will promote home fattening of hogs for local markets.

Machinery for boring for oil to a depth of 1,500 feet is being placed on a farm near Toledo.

The United States weather bureau has taken a 10-year lease on a tract of land in Astoria on which to erect a signal tower.

The total output of young salmon from the hatcheries tributary to the Columbia will be about 60,000,000 fish this year.

A Hood River apple grower gathered 50 boxes of apples from 4-year old trees and found less than a box of wormy fruit.

A Salem man was attacked by a foot pad, but gave the robber such a drubbing that the latter was hardly able to get away.

Cook county is fast coming to the front as a cattle raising country. One raiser recently sold 60 head at \$25 and 50 head of yearling heifers at \$24.

One of the heavy prune raisers of Cow Creek valley has completed his prune drying. He has 71,000 pounds. He sold the entire lot in sacks at 2 1/2 cents.

Officers of the Klamath reservation have been spending several days past in a thorough but fruitless search over Southern Oregon for four Indian girls and three boys who ran away from the Klamath school.

For the first time in its history Mt. Angel college has a football team.

The Phoenix mine in the Greenhorn district has been sold for \$80,000.

The new filter plant for the Oregon City water system is being installed.

Part of the Oregon City paper mills are shut down on account of low water.

The run of silverites in the Columbia is as large as ever, and quality first-class.

About 1,500,000 pounds of prunes have been received at Salem, and they are still coming by the wagon load.

Representatives of Milwaukee capitalists will arrive soon to negotiate with the incorporators of the projected electric railway between Sumpter and Bourne.

The superintendent of the Badger mine, of Susanville, has laid off a large number of the hands. It is likely that a larger force than ever will soon be put to work.

So far this season steelhead salmon have not made their appearance in the South Fork and Willowa rivers. It is said that a dam has been placed at the mouth of Salmon river which prevents them from going up into those streams.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, nominal 54@54 1/2; bluestem, 55c; valley, 55c.

Flour—best grades, \$2.65@3.50 per barrel; graham, \$2.60.

Oats—Old, 90@91 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$15@15.50; brewing, \$16.00 per ton.

Millet—Bran, \$17@18; middlings, \$20@21; shorts, \$19@20; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@13; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27 1/2; dairy, 18@20c; store, 14@15c per pound.

Eggs—Storage 20@22 1/2; fresh 23c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12 1/2@13c; Young America, 13 1/2@14c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3.00; hens, \$4.00; dressed, 9@11c per pound; springs, \$3.00 per dozen; ducks, \$3 for old; \$3.00@4.00 for young; geese, \$6@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 10@12 1/2c per pound.

Mutton—Lamb, 3 1/2c; gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound; sheep, \$3.25, gross; dressed, 6c per lb.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$6@6.25; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 7@7 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Small, 8@8 1/2c; large, 7@7 1/2c per pound.

Beef—Gross top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 5 1/2@6c per pound.

Hops—8@10 1/2c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 11@13 1/2c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2c; mohair, 20@21c per pound.

Potatoes—\$1@1.10 per sack.

Electric cab service in Paris has proved very unprofitable. It is said that the loss so far represents \$900,000.

Germany imports vast quantities of red wine each year for mixing with wines of her own growth. In 1900 4,788 tons were imported from Italy for this purpose, 1,319 tons from France, 1,272 tons from Greece, 4,878 tons from Austria-Hungary, and 3,478 tons from Spain.

Russia Will Not Intervene.

London, Oct. 23.—Referring to the movements of Prof. F. de Maartens, of the University of St. Petersburg, who is also a member of the Russian privy council, the Brussels correspondent of the Standard denies that he has any mission from the Russian government bearing upon the South African situation, and asserts that Boer circles in Brussels discredit the possibility of Russian intervention.

### FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Government Relief Is Necessary in Five More Suffering Districts.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.—Acting under additional information from the governor of the province of Samara, the minister of the interior has officially proclaimed famine conditions in five more districts in this province. This means that the bad harvest has already made itself so keenly felt that a special medical and relief organization is deemed necessary for these districts. It is likely that the list will be added to from time to time during the winter. The minister also published today a detailed report about the relief given to seven Siberian districts. Forty thousand roubles were assigned. The present indications are that little information about the famine will be published in Russian papers which is not given out by the minister of the interior. The papers have been given to understand that incorrect information or "colored" articles about the famine will not be tolerated, and the Russian editors know when they have been spoken to. The bad harvest in portions of Siberia last year and this year has had the effect of turning a part of the tide of Siberian emigration back toward Russia. According to an official source, 77,745 emigrants and 519,721 men whom the peasant communes sent to spy out the land went to Siberia between January 1 and September 17, and 19,788 emigrants and 12,619 envoys returned.

In addition to famine a circumstance that deters emigration and occasions the return of many is the exhaustion of available farm land. It is a fact that is not sufficiently understood abroad that portions of Siberia are already fully occupied. This is true of nearly all good and conveniently accessible agricultural land in West Siberia. Recent settlers have been assigned lands distant from the railroad or navigable rivers, or have received forest and marsh lands which it would not pay them to till under present conditions. With additional railways, with new markets for West Siberian grain in the East Siberian, Mongolian and Manchurian mining regions, and with better modes of cultivating the ground there will be room for more settlers in West Siberia, but the plain truth is that there is little room for peasants there now.

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.

A Case of Unusual Depravity in the Army in the Philippine Islands.

Washington, Oct. 22.—George A. Raymond, an American and formerly a private in the Forty-first Volunteer infantry, was tried by military commission in the Philippines a short time ago on a triple charge of murder, rape and robbery and sentenced to be hanged. The records in this case, of unusual depravity, have just been received at the war department. Upon the muster out of the Forty-first regiment, Raymond, and endeavored to organize a band of outlaws among his former comrades. May 7, while he was riding along a road near the barrio of San Jose with Henry Hohn, who had also been a private in the Forty-first infantry, and with whom he assumed to be on friendly relations, Raymond treacherously turned on his companion and killed him with his revolver and then emptied the dead man's pockets. Two days afterward, in company with two privates of the Forty-first, Raymond, garbed in the uniform of a United States Army officer, entered the premises of a peaceful native and robbed him of saddles, bridles and three horses. On the night of May 9 Raymond forced his way into the home of a respectable native girl and assaulted her. In reviewing this case and approving the sentence of death, General Chaffee said: "The depravity and dangerous criminal propensities of the accused, involving in the short space of three days the robbery of a helpless native, the licentious violation of a respectable girl and the treacherous assassination of a comrade from motives of pure avariciousness, calls for but one fitting punishment."

Hay Crop Burning.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 22.—Late this afternoon fire was discovered in the hay lands which surrounded the city. The flames are now burning everything before them, and the firemen are powerless, owing to the fire being outside the city limits and beyond water service. Thousands of tons of hay will be lost.

Murderous Robbers Caught.

Middlesboro, Ky., Oct. 22.—George Gray was today arrested as principal and George Eaton as an accomplice in the shooting and robbery of P. T. Colgan, paymaster of the Virginia Coal and Coke company last week at Middlesboro. Colgan was robbed while on his way to the furnaces from the bank. Eaton made a partial confession, implicating three other men and a woman. It is said the woman has fled into Harlan county with the money.

Russia Will Not Intervene.

London, Oct. 23.—Referring to the movements of Prof. F. de Maartens, of the University of St. Petersburg, who is also a member of the Russian privy council, the Brussels correspondent of the Standard denies that he has any mission from the Russian government bearing upon the South African situation, and asserts that Boer circles in Brussels discredit the possibility of Russian intervention.